IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF Confirmation No.: 5040

Engel et al. Group Art Unit: 1617

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to a non-final official action dated November 12, 2008, and is timely filed, as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the third month, and the requisite fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with this paper, including any fees for extensions of time or additional claims to Deposit Account No. 033975, Order No. 098501-0264671.

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